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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: CONTRAST MEDIUM FOR

THROMBUS FORMATION

## RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Election mailed March 30, 2010, Applicants elect, with traverse, compounds of general formula IV. The claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-2 and 4-8

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the compounds of general formulae I, II and III if the claims to the elected species are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.